

FROZEN ROAD DECLARATION

Pursuant to 2009 Assembly Bill 75, Section 348.175, Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation declares that those highways identified below are eligible for increased weight limitations on the following effective dates:

Effective Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 12:01 AM on all state and US numbered highways of the State Trunk Highway System in Zone 2, but not including any Interstate highways except that portion of I-39 from the I-90/94 interchange near Portage to the north, and not including any state trunk highways where special weight restrictions have been imposed.

Zone 1 remains frozen and under the declaration. Conditions in Zones 3, 4, and 5 do not meet criteria for frozen roads at this time. Declarations for any additional zones are dependent on conditions for each zone.

The frozen road declaration is normally in effect from mid December to late February or early March. (The 25-year average start date is December 22nd and the average end date is March 4th).

Eligibility for increased weight limitations is restricted to vehicles hauling peeled or unpeeled forest products cut crosswise not to include woodchips, or abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance. For legally licensed vehicles hauling these loads, no special permit is required during this period. Legally licensed means currently registered for 80,000 pounds, or the maximum gross vehicle weight, if less than 80,000 pounds.

The gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle shall not exceed 23,000 pounds, or for two axles less than seven feet apart, 38,000 pounds, or for groups of three consecutive axles not less than nine feet nor more than thirteen feet apart, a weight of 12,000 pounds more than permitted in Section 348.15(3)(c), stats. This 12,000 pounds includes the 4,000 pounds provided for in Section 348.15(3)(br), stats.

The gross weight imposed on the highways by all axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed 98,000 pounds.

For more information related to the frozen road or weight restriction programs contact: Michael Sproul, (Michael.Sproul@dot.state.wi.us), or go to <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/truck/frozenroad.htm> or call (608) 266-8417 for a recorded message.